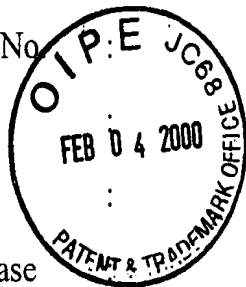


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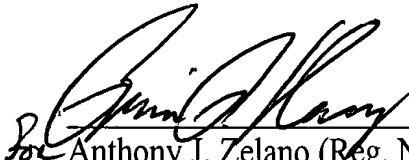
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 4, 1999, attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which has been executed by the inventors, as well as a copy of the Notification.

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1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as
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 - ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
 - ☒ Copy of the international application in:
 - ☒ a non-English language.
 - ☐ English.
 - ☒ Translation of the international application into English.
 - ☐ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
 - ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.
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 - ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
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 - ☐ Other:
2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
- ☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
 - ☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
 - ☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
 - ☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
 - ☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
 - ☐ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).
3. Additional claim fees of \$ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 21 OR 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later that the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

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